



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

<b>AGENDA SECTION</b>	SECTION INFORMATION
<b>MEETING DATE</b>	JANUARY 12, 2026

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>Authorization to Purchase and Outfit Police Vehicle</b>		
<i>Presenting Item: Aaron Chirpich – City Manager</i>			
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b> Police		<b>BY/DATE:</b> Deputy Chief Johnston / January 6, 2026	
<b>CORE CITY STRATEGIES:</b> <i>(please indicate areas that apply by adding an "X" in front of the selected text below)</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Community that Grows with Purpose and Equity		<input type="checkbox"/> Engaged, Effective and Forward-Thinking	
<input type="checkbox"/> High Quality Public Spaces		<input type="checkbox"/> Resilient and Prosperous Economy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safe, Accessible and Built for Everyone		<input type="checkbox"/> Inclusive and Connected Community	

**BACKGROUND**

As a part of the Police Department Capital Equipment replacement plan to maintain a safe and dependable vehicle fleet, the Police Department requests authorization to purchase one Ford Police Interceptor patrol vehicle. Marked squads are rotated out of the police fleet after five years of service, and rotated into another department in the city, who in turn get a better operating vehicle for conventional uses.

The advantages presented by the Utility include the added space for occupants and gear and increased maneuverability in poor weather conditions. The added room will be used to better store and carry police equipment and supplies to include entry tools, first aid equipment and tactical gear. In addition, the increased size of the passenger compartment in the Utility vehicle offers better room and comfort for our larger and taller officers. The vehicle will be purchased from the dealership awarded under the State of Minnesota Cooperative Purchasing Venture (CPV).

**SUMMARY OF CURRENT STATUS**

The police department is budgeted to purchase the following vehicles:

*1 - 2026 Ford Police Interceptor AWD SUV* *\$48,100*

The police department is also budgeting to expend up to *\$34,900* outfitting and setting up this vehicle for patrol use. This amount includes the standard set-up as has been done in the past, plus the purchase of necessary equipment for the squad including laptop computers.

The total budget for squad cars and set-up in 2026 is *\$83,000*.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommend authorization to purchase the above listed vehicle and outfit it as budgeted.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION(S):**

MOTION: Move to authorize the Police Chief to purchase one 2026 Ford Utility Police Vehicle from the MN CPV vendor for \$48,100, and to expend up to \$34,900 for the outfitting and setting up of this vehicle for patrol use for a total cost of \$83,000.

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

**2026 Squad Budget**

Item	Est Price	Ext.	Item	Est Price	Total
Build Patrol Squad	\$29,700.00	\$29,700.00	Ford Police	\$48,100.00	\$48,100.00
Squad Graphics	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	Interceptor		
			<b>Sub total</b>		<u>\$48,100.00</u>

<b>Sub Total</b>		<u>\$31,100.00</u>	<b>MISC Equipment</b>		
			Squad Computers	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00
Outfitting total:		\$34,900.00			<u>\$3,800.00</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>\$83,000.00</u>			